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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENT
WITH TRAVERSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action Summary mailed December 19, 2005, subjecting all of original claims 1-52 to a restriction requirement and having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 19, 2006, the invention of the claims of Group II (claims 9-11, 23-25, 35-37, and 50-52 drawn to resins and composition made therewith) is elected for examination. The remaining originally filed claims of Group I are withdrawn from consideration. Nevertheless, the applicants respectfully traverse the restriction of claims made by the Examiner and the resultant election requirement.

TRAVERSAL

For the restriction and election requirement, the Examiner relies on the argument that "the product, which lacks any specific physical properties, could be made by other methods." It is respectfully submitted, however, that the product is effectively claimed as a "product by process." Therefore, for the restricted *product* claims to read on any infringing product, said infringing product must necessarily have been made by the restricted *process* claims, the dependency relationship of claim 9 on claim 1 being the most obvious example. Assuming the accuracy of this statement, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner explain exactly how "the product, which lacks any specific physical properties, could be made" by any other method? Alternatively, the Examiner may explain the inaccuracy of applicants' assumption statement. The applicants, in assuming the accuracy of the premise, cannot imagine the answer as to how the product, as claimed, could be made otherwise.

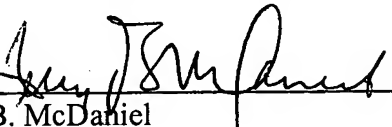
If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this amendment and response.

Respectfully submitted,

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